

Forever

Everyone knew each other in the neighborhood, so it was okay for Billy Hartzel to steal away from Kippy's Kool Cup for one of his nonsensical surveys.

Encountering Marie Detts, Maxine Holder, and Jenny Elspeth descending from the L-Bus in a laughing knot.

"Do you think it's still the same old story? A fight for love and glory?"

Marie, returning from her shift at Renton's on the Highway, had doubts. Maxine sang "And the farmer took another load away!"

But Jenny answered yes. "O yes I do! And I'll meet my forever guy! I will! My forever guy! O yes a thousand times!"

So fervent, the other two pulled away

But came back when she heaved into tears.

Billy slurred into his tablet later in the bar. "Good luck think... know women say."